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## **Acknowledgment of Board letter regarding IGO protections**

Donna Austin, Heather Forrest and James Bladel  
GNSO Council Chairs

Dr. Stephen Crocker  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Cc: Becky Burr, Chris Disspain, Markus Kummer and Bruce Tonkin

Dear Dr. Crocker,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, we hereby acknowledge receipt of the ICANN Board letter of 4 October 2016, on the topic of protections for Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO). We thank the Board for its reply to the Council's earlier letter of 31 May 2016 on this topic, and for following up on the discussions that we had at ICANN56 in Helsinki in June.

The Council will discuss the Board's letter as well as the proposal from the IGO "small group" at its next meeting on 13 October. We look forward to future engagement with the Board on this topic, including at the forthcoming ICANN57 meeting in Hyderabad.

Regards,

*Donna Austin (GNSO Council Vice-Chair, Contracted Parties House)*  
*Heather Forrest (GNSO Council Vice-Chair, Non-Contracted Parties House)*  
*James Bladel (GNSO Chair)*